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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$284.00, for patent/serial number 10022289.

An admendment filed after the application is filed only will change the status of a claim and is not eligible for a refund.

Sincerely,

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